

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENHANCING THE
BUSINESS AND ENGINEERING COMMUNICATION
BETWEEN A SUPPLIER AND A BUYER

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114
 - a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on
 - ii. ☐ Other.
 - b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-Form 1449 and references
 - iv. ☒ Other Attachment to Amendment - 3 pages of Dictionary Definitions
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
 - b. ☒ Applicant(s) hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and request a **two-month extension of time** to respond to the outstanding Office Action.
 - c. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees: The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - ☒ The applicable fees are being charged to a credit card via the EFS Web. The Director is hereby authorized to charge underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to **Deposit Account No. 06-0308**.
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e), and if applicable, the search and examination fees
 - ii. ☒ Extension of Time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Excess Claim Fees, as delineated below:

(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT LESS HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(3) NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CLAIMS	14 - 20 =	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 - 3 =	0

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence (and any item referred to herein as being attached or enclosed) is (are) being transmitted to the USPTO by electronic transmission in accordance with CFR § 1.8 via the EFS Web on the date indicated below.

November 20, 2007

Date

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